

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 27, as follows:

The antibody of this invention (apSmad3L) evidently revealed that the linker region of Smad3 was hardly phosphorylated in normal colon crypt, i.e. in a region of tissue including a number of negative cells to the Ki-67 antigen, an index of cell proliferation ability (Fig. 8, apSmad3L, upper part) and that in colon cancer cells, i.e. Ki-67 antigen positive cells, the phosphorylation in the linker region of Smad3 markedly increased (Fig. 8, apSmad3L, lower part). The phosphorylated Smad3 was localized in nuclei of cancer cells. The results are shown in ~~Table~~ Fig. 8. In this figure, the result of immunohistochemical staining with the antibody against Ki-67 is also shown (aKi-67).